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CHAPTER 1 SUBMISSION OF PLANS

1.0 GENERAL

All reports, final plans and specifications should be submitted at least 60 days prior to the date on which action by the reviewing authority is desired. The term "reviewing authority" as used in this circular refers to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department or MDEQ) or a delegated division of local government. No approval for construction can be issued until final, complete, detailed plans and specifications have been submitted to the reviewing authority and found to be satisfactory.

Two copies of the final plans and specifications must be submitted. An approved set will be returned to the applicant. Documents submitted for formal approval must include, but not be limited to:

- a. a summary of the basic design,
- b. operation requirements, where applicable,
- c. general layout,
- d. detailed plans, and
- e. specifications.

1.1 DESIGN REPORT

The design report for new water works must present the following information. The design report for existing water systems must present the following information detailed in this subsection to the extent it applies to the water system improvements:

1.1.1 General information, including:

- a. A description of the existing water works and sewage facilities,
- b. An identification of the municipality or area served,
- c. The name and mailing address of the owner or official custodian.
- d. Information requested in Appendix A for new non-transient non-community systems.

1.1.2 Extent of water system, including:

- a. Description of the nature and extent of the area or facility to be served,
- b. provisions for extending the water works system to include additional facilities, and
- c. appraisal of the future requirements for service, including existing and potential water supply needs.

1.1.3 Alternate Plans

Where two or more solutions exist for providing water supply facilities, each of which is feasible and practicable, discuss the alternate plans and give reasons for selecting the one recommended, including financial considerations.

1.1.4 Water use data, including:

- a. The estimated population, which will be served by the proposed water supply system or expanded system,
- b. present water consumption (if available) and the projected average and maximum daily demands used as the basis of design, and
- c. present and/or estimated yield of the sources of supply.

1.1.5 Sewage system available

Describe the existing sewage collection system and sewage treatment works with special reference to their relationship to existing or proposed water works structures which may affect the operation of the water supply system, or which may affect the quality of the supply.

1.1.6 Sources of water supply

Describe the proposed source or sources of water supply to be developed, including:

- a. Sites considered,
- b. advantages of the site selected,
- c. elevations with respect to surroundings, and
- d. sources of possible contamination such as sewers and sewerage facilities, landfills, outcroppings of consolidated water-bearing formations, waste disposal wells, etc.,

- e. water rights,
- f. a preliminary assessment for proposed groundwater sources that may be under the direct influence of surface water prepared in accordance with PWS-5, "Assessment of Groundwater Sources Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water,"
- g. a source water protection plan prepared in accordance with PWS-6, "Source Water Protection Delineation," must be submitted for review and approval for non-community systems.

1.2 PLANS

Plans for water works improvements must, **where pertinent**, provide the following:

1.2.1 General layout including:

- a. suitable title,
- b. name of entity or person responsible for the water supply,
- c. area or facility to be served,
- d. scale, in feet,
- e. north point,
- f. date and name of the designer,
- g. legible prints, and
- h. location, nature and size of existing water facilities, if any.

1.2.2 Detailed plans, including:

- a. arrangement of present or planned wells or structures,
- b. location of all existing and potential sources of pollution within 500 feet of the source and within 100 feet of underground treated water storage facilities,
- c. size, length and identity of sewers, drainfields and other sources of pollution and their locations relative to proposed water system,

- d. piping in sufficient detail to show flow through the water system, including waste lines,
- e. locations, dimensions and elevations of all proposed water system facilities,
- f. locations of sampling taps, and
- g. adequate description of any features not otherwise covered by the specifications.

1.3 SPECIFICATIONS

Complete, detailed, technical specifications must be supplied for the proposed project.

CHAPTER 2 (Reserved)

CHAPTER 3 SOURCE DEVELOPMENT

3.0 GENERAL

In selecting the source of water to be developed, the designer must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the reviewing authority that an adequate quantity of water will be available, and that the water which is to be delivered to the consumers will meet the current requirements of the Department.

3.1 (Reserved)

3.2 GROUND WATER

A ground water source includes all water from dug, drilled, bored or driven wells, and infiltration lines. Prior to construction of a well intended to serve a public water supply, the proposed location and the plans and specifications must be approved by the reviewing authority in accordance with the requirements of this section. In order to assess the available water quality and quantity, the reviewing authority may require construction and testing of the well in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and at the approved location prior to approval of other system components. All wells must be constructed by a licensed water well contractor in accordance with Title 37, Chapter 43, MCA, and Title 36, Chapter 21, ARM, March, 1997, (Water Well Contractor rules) with the following additional requirements.

3.2.1 Quantity

3.2.1.1 Source capacity

The total developed ground water source capacity must equal or exceed the design maximum day demand.

Additional capacity will be required if storage is inadequate per DEQ-1, Section 7.0.1.b.

3.2.1.2 Water use estimates for design purposes

- a. Domestic use - 100 gpcd must be provided for average domestic use unless the designer has sufficient data, acceptable to the reviewing authority, to show a lesser quantity to be adequate.
- b. Irrigation - when irrigation water is provided, information must be submitted to show that adequate water will be available. Such

information must include:

1. the area to be irrigated in acres or square feet,
 2. water requirements in inches/week,
 3. proposed methods of controlling irrigation beyond the capacity of the system.
- c. Fire flows - fire flows must meet the recommendations of the State Fire Marshal where applicable.

3.2.2. Quality

The Department shall determine the minimum treatment required for a groundwater source serving a public water supply to ensure compliance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM.

3.2.2.1 Microbiological quality

- a. Disinfection of every new, modified or reconditioned ground water source must be provided in accordance with ARM 36.21.662(1) prior to and after placement of permanent pumping equipment.
- b. After disinfection, one or more water samples must be submitted to a laboratory certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services for microbiological analysis with satisfactory results reported to the reviewing authority prior to placing the well into service.
- c. If the Department determines from the required application materials that the source may be groundwater under the direct influence of surface water in accordance with PWS-5, then further assessment or treatment may be required.

3.2.2.2 Physical and chemical quality

- a. Every new, modified or reconditioned ground water source must be examined for applicable physical, and chemical characteristics by tests of representative samples in laboratories certified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, with the results reported to the reviewing authority.
 1. Such testing must include nitrate/nitrite and total dissolved solids or conductivity as a minimum for individual systems and transient non-community, public water systems.

Additional testing may be required for other parameters where the reviewing authority has information suggesting they may be present in harmful quantities or where additional regulatory requirements apply.

2. The above testing for individual systems and transient non-community public water systems may be waived where information submitted confirms water quality will be acceptable.
- b. Samples must be collected at the conclusion of the test pumping procedure and examined as soon as practical. The reviewing authority may require sample results to be submitted to the Department for review and approval to demonstrate conformance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-chapter 2, ARM, prior to use of a new source or construction of a new system.

3.2.3 Location

3.2.3.1 Well location

Regarding a proposed well location, the reviewing authority should be consulted prior to design and construction as the location relates to required separation between existing and potential sources of contamination and ground water development. Wells must be located at least 100 feet from sewer lines, septic tanks, holding tanks, and any other structures used to convey or retain wastewater. Well location(s) must be based on a source water protection assessment conducted in accordance with Section 1.1.6 of this circular.

3.2.3.2 Continued protection

Continued protection of the well site from potential sources of contamination must be provided either through ownership, zoning, easements, leasing or other means acceptable to the reviewing authority. Such protection must extend for at least a 100 foot radius around the well. In addition, separation distances between proposed wells and potential sources of contamination must be defined and justified by the design engineer in accordance with Section 1.1.6 of this circular for non-community systems. The zone of influence of a proposed or existing well may not be in a groundwater mixing zone as defined in ARM 17.30.517. Fencing of the site may be required by the reviewing authority.

3.2.4 Testing and Records

3.2.4.1 Yield and drawdown tests must

- a. be performed on every production well after construction or subsequent treatment and prior to placement of the permanent pump,
- b. have the test methods clearly indicated in specifications,
- c. provide data of the following at one hour intervals or less as may be required by the reviewing authority:
 - 1. Pumping rate,
 - 2. pumping water levels,
 - 3. static water level,
 - 4. water recovery rate and levels, and
 - 5. time of starting and ending each test cycle,
- d. Provide for continuous constant rate pumping at 1.5 times the design pump capacity for at least 24 hours. Data collection must begin at time zero. The test may be terminated if stabilized drawdown occurs for at least six hours during the test. If the design pumping rate is 35 gpm or greater, the minimum stabilized drawdown period must be at least eight hours. When sufficient historical information is available, a step drawdown test, may be approved by the reviewing authority. The maximum test pumping rate may be reduced to the capacity of the design pump for both the step drawdown test and constant rate test for wells sized to provide peak instantaneous demand.

Test results must be reported to the reviewing authority. The reviewing authority may require that pump test results be submitted to the reviewing authority for review and approval prior to construction of the system to demonstrate adequate water quantity.

3.2.4.2 Results must be reported to the reviewing authority.

3.2.4.3 Geological data must be determined in accordance with ARM 36.21.667. A copy of the well log must be submitted to the reviewing authority.

3.2.5 General well construction

3.2.5.1 Minimum protected depths.

- a. Wells must have unperforated casing to a minimum depth of 25 feet or continuous disinfection must be provided.
- b. Water drawn from water table aquifers within 25 feet of ground surface must receive continuous disinfection.

3.2.5.2 Permanent steel casing pipe must

- a. be in accordance with ARM 36.21.640,
- b. be equipped with a drive shoe when driven, and
- c. have joints in accordance with ARM 36.21.642.

3.2.5.3 Nonferrous casing materials

Plastic well casing must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.645 and ARM 36.21.646.

3.2.5.4 Packers

Packers must be of material that will not impart taste, odor, toxic substance or bacterial contamination to the well water.

3.2.5.5 Grouting requirements

- a. All permanent well casing must be sealed in accordance with ARM 36.21.654 through ARM 36.21.660.
- b. The casing must be provided with centralizers in accordance with ARM 36.21.649.

3.2.5.6 Upper terminal well construction.

- a. Permanent casing for all ground water sources must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.647.
- b. Where a well house is constructed, the floor surface must be at least 6 inches above the final ground elevation.
- c. Sites subject to flooding must be provided with an earth mound surrounding the casing and terminating at an elevation at least two feet above the 100 year flood level or highest known flood elevation. Other suitable protection may be approved by the reviewing authority.

- d. The top of the well casing at sites subject to flooding must terminate at least three feet above the 100 year flood level or highest known flood elevation.

3.2.5.7 Development

Every well must be developed in accordance with ARM 36.21.653.

3.2.5.8 Capping requirements

Temporary capping requirements must be in accordance with ARM 36.21.661.

3.2.5.9 Well abandonment

All wells that have no further use must be abandoned in accordance with ARM 36.21.670 through ARM 36.21.678.

3.2.6 Aquifer types and construction methods - special conditions

The following special aquifer types and construction methods must be reviewed by the reviewing authority on a case-by-case basis to assure proper design and protection of public health:

- a. sand or gravel wells,
- b. gravel pack wells,
- c. radial wells,
- d. infiltration lines,
- e. dug wells,
- f. limestone or sandstone wells and
- g. flowing wells.

3.2.7 Well pumps, discharge piping and appurtenances

3.2.7.1 Submersible pumps:

Where a submersible pump is used the top of the casing must be effectively sealed against the entry of water under all conditions of vibration or movement of conductors or cables.

3.2.7.2 Discharge piping

- a. The discharge piping must:
 1. have control valves and appurtenances located above the pumphouse floor when an above-ground discharge is provided,
 2. be protected against the entry of contamination,
 3. be equipped with a check valve, a shutoff valve, a pressure gauge and a smooth nosed sampling tap located at a point where positive pressure is maintained,
 4. where applicable, be equipped with an air relief valve located upstream from the check valve, with exhaust/relief piping terminating in a down-turned position at least 18 inches above the floor and covered with a 24 mesh corrosion resistant screen,
 5. be valved to permit test pumping and control of each well, and
 6. have all exposed piping, valves and appurtenances protected against physical damage and freezing.
- b. The discharge piping must be provided with a means of pumping to waste, but may not be directly connected to a sewer.

3.2.7.3 Pitless well units and adapters

Pitless units and pitless adapters submitted as a part of a system need to be specified using manufacturer's name and model number.

3.2.7.4 Casing vent

- a. Provisions must be made for venting the well casing to atmosphere. Venting must be provided by factory manufactured vented well cap or fabricated vent assembly. All vents must be screened with corrosion resistant material to prevent entry of insects and oriented so as to prevent entry of rainwater.
- b. Fabricated vents must terminate in a downturned position, at or above the top of the casing or pitless unit in a minimum 1 1/2 inch diameter opening covered with a 24 mesh screen. The pipe connecting the casing to the vent must be of adequate size to

provide rapid venting of the casing. Fabricated vent assemblies must be of such design and strength as to be vandal resistant.

3.2.7.5 Water level measurement

- a. Provisions (i.e. probe access tube or air line) should be made for periodic measurement of water levels in the completed well.
- b. Where pneumatic water level measuring equipment is used it must be made using corrosion resistant materials attached firmly to the drop pipe or pump column and in such a manner as to prevent entry of foreign materials.

CHAPTER 4 TREATMENT

4.0 GENERAL

The need for and design of treatment processes and devices will depend on evaluation of the nature and quality of the particular water to be treated and the desired quality of the finished water. The reviewing authority shall use the Departments Circular DEQ 1, "Standards for Water Works," 1999 Edition, as a guide for the review and approval of treatment processes and equipment.

CHAPTER 5 CHEMICAL APPLICATION

5.0 GENERAL

Chemicals may not be applied to drinking water unless specifically permitted or required by the Department. Chemical application must be designed to meet the requirements of Department Circular DEQ 1, "Standards for Water Works," 1999 Edition.

CHAPTER 6 PUMPING FACILITIES

6.0 GENERAL

Pumping facilities must be designed to maintain the sanitary quality of pumped water. Subsurface pits or pump rooms and inaccessible installations must be avoided. Pumping stations may not be subject to flooding.

6.1 LOCATION

The pumping station must be so located that the proposed site will meet the requirements for sanitary protection of water quality, hydraulics of the system and protection against interruption of service by fire, flood or any other hazard.

6.2 PUMPS

At least two pumping units should be provided. With any pump out of service, the remaining pump or pumps must be capable of providing the maximum daily pumping demand of the system.

6.3 APPURTENANCES

6.3.1 Valves

Pumps must be adequately valved to permit satisfactory operation, maintenance and repair of the equipment. If foot valves are necessary, they must have a net valve area of at least 2 1/2 times the area of the suction pipe and they must be screened. Each pump must have a positive-acting check valve on the discharge side between the pump and the shut-off valve.

6.3.2 Piping

In general, piping must:

- a. be designed so that friction losses will be minimized,
- b. not be subject to contamination,
- c. have watertight joints,
- d. be protected against surge or water hammer, and

- e. be such that each pump has an individual suction line or that the lines are manifolded so that they will insure similar hydraulic and operating conditions.

6.3.3 Gauges and meters

Each pump:

- a. must have a standard pressure gauge on its discharge line,
- b. should have a compound gauge on its suction line, and
- c. must have a means for measuring the discharge.

CHAPTER 7 FINISHED WATER STORAGE

7.0 GENERAL

The materials and designs used for finished water storage structures must provide stability and durability as well as protect the quality of the stored water. Steel structures must follow the current AWWA standards concerning steel tanks, standpipes, reservoirs and elevated tanks wherever they are applicable. Other materials of construction are acceptable when properly designed to meet the requirements of Part 7 of Department Circular DEQ 1, "Standards for Water Works," 1999 Edition.

7.1 PRESSURE TANKS

Hydropneumatic (pressure) tanks, when provided as the only storage facility, are acceptable only in very small water systems. Pressure tanks must meet applicable ASME code requirements. Pressure tanks for which the ASME code does not apply (i.e., those with nominal water containing capacity of 120 gallons or less) must meet ASME code requirements or must satisfactorily pass a hydrostatic test of 1.5 times the maximum allowable working pressure of the tank. The maximum allowable working pressure must be marked on each tank.

7.1.1 Location

The tank must be located above normal ground surface and be completely housed.

7.1.2 System design and sizing

- a. The capacity of the wells and pumps in a hydropneumatic system must be equal to the peak instantaneous demand. The active storage volume of the hydropneumatic tanks must be sufficient to limit pump cycling to the manufacturer's and industry recommendations. Maximum cycling frequency must be determined for the largest pump when consumer demand is half (0.5) of the capacity of the largest pump or combination of pumps operated by the same pressure switch. Reduction of required tank volume for systems with alternating pump controls will not be allowed.
- b. Sizing of hydropneumatic storage tanks must consider the need for chlorine contact time, as applicable, independent of the requirements in 7.1.2.a above. Tanks with a common inlet and outlet will not be given any credit for chlorine contact time.

7.1.3 Piping

Each tank in a multiple tank system must have bypass piping or valves to permit operation of the system while the tank is being repaired or painted.

7.1.4 Appurtenances

- a. Each tank must have a means of draining, automatic or manual air blow-off, and a means for adding air.
- b. Control equipment consisting of a pressure gage, pressure relieving device, and pressure operated start-stop controls for the pumps must be provided for the hydropneumatic tank system. A shut-off valve may not be installed between the pump and the pressure operated start-stop controls.
- c. The pressure relieving device must prevent the pressure from rising more than 10 percent above the maximum allowable working pressure. The discharge capacity of the pressure relieving device must be adequately sized. Pressure gages must have a range of no less than 1.2 times the pressure at which the pressure relieving device is set to function.
- d.

CHAPTER 8 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

8.0 MATERIALS

8.0.1 Standards

Pipes, fittings, valves and fire hydrants must conform to the latest standards issued by the AWWA, if such standards exist. In the absence of such standards, components meeting other applicable standards may be acceptable to the reviewing authority. Components must also meet the requirements of ANSI/NSF Standard 61 or otherwise be acceptable to the reviewing authority. Plastic pipe must have an ASTM designation and be National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) approved.

8.1 WATER MAIN DESIGN

8.1.1 Pressure

All water mains, including those not designed to provide fire protection, must be sized after a hydraulic analysis based on flow demands and pressure requirements. The system must be designed to maintain a minimum normal working pressure of 35 psi. Maximum normal working pressure should not exceed 60 psi. Minimum pressure under all conditions of flow (e.g. fire flows) must be 20 psi. Minimum required pressures must be based on those occurring at ground level at the highest building sites or fire hydrant served by the proposed water mains excluding service line head losses.

8.1.2 Diameter

The mains must be sized to handle design flows.

8.1.3 Hydrants

Water mains not designed to carry fire-flows may not have standard size fire hydrants connected to them.

8.1.4 Dead ends

Dead ends must be minimized by looping of all mains whenever practical.

8.2 VALVES

Sufficient valves must be provided on water mains so that inconvenience and sanitary

hazards will be minimized during repairs.

8.3 INSTALLATION OF MAINS

8.3.1 Standards

Specifications must incorporate the provisions of the AWWA standards and manufacturer's recommended installation procedures.

8.3.2 Cover

All water mains must be covered with sufficient earth or other insulation to prevent freezing.

8.3.3 Pressure and leakage testing

The installed pipe must be pressure tested and leakage tested as required by the reviewing authority.

8.3.4 Disinfection

All new, cleaned or repaired water mains must be disinfected, flushed and microbiologically tested in accordance with AWWA Standard C651.

8.4 SEPARATION OF WATER MAINS AND SEWERS

8.4.1 Parallel installation

Water mains must be laid at least 10 feet horizontally from any existing or proposed sewer. The distance must be measured edge to edge.

8.4.2 Crossings

Water mains crossing sewers must be laid to provide a minimum distance of 18 inches between the outside of the water main and the outside of the sewer. This must be the case where the water main is either above or below the sewer. At crossings, one full length of water pipe must be located so both joints will be as far from the sewer as possible. Special structural support for the water and sewer pipes may be required.

8.5 CROSS CONNECTIONS AND INTERCONNECTIONS

8.5.1 Cross connections

There may not be any unprotected cross-connections between the distribution system and any pipes, pumps, hydrants or tanks whereby unsafe water or other contaminating materials may be discharged or drawn into the system. Cross-connections must be eliminated in conformance with Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 3, ARM, for public systems.

8.6 WATER SERVICES AND PLUMBING

8.6.1 Plumbing

Water services and plumbing must conform to the Uniform Plumbing Code as amended by ARM 8.70.302.

8.6.2 Booster pumps

Individual home booster pumps may not be considered or required for any individual service from the water supply mains unless specifically approved by the Department.

8.7 WATER MAIN ABANDONMENT

Mains must be abandoned in a manner to prevent cross connections and must be entirely or partially removed to prevent future connection to the abandoned main.

CHAPTER 9 DEVIATIONS

9.0 GENERAL

Deviations from the mandatory requirement of this circular for public systems, may be granted by the Department Deviation Review Committee, on a case-by-case basis, for specific projects.

9.1 Procedure

- a. A person desiring a deviation shall make a request in writing. The request must identify the specific section of the circular to be considered. Adequate justification for the deviation must be provided. "Engineering judgment" or "professional opinion" without supporting data is not adequate justification.
- b. A panel of three persons from the Department shall review the request, and make a final determination on whether or not a deviation will be granted.
- c. A file of all deviations shall be maintained by the Department.

APPENDIX A

A.1 General

In addition to the information required in the circular, information on management, operation, maintenance, and financing of the system must be submitted. The purpose of this information is to allow evaluation of a new system for proper system management, operation and maintenance (O&M), and financial planning that provides long-term stability of the new system. The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act provides for State development of strategies to ensure the managerial, technical, and financial capacity for new non-transient non-community water systems.

Capacity terms are defined as follows based on definitions in Title 36, Chapter 23, Sub-Chapter 1, ARM:

Managerial capability (capacity) means the management structure of the water system, including, but not limited to, ownership accountability, staffing, and organization.

Technical capability (capacity) means the physical infrastructure of the water system, including but not limited to the source water adequacy, infrastructure adequacy, and technical knowledge based on information provided.

Financial capability (capacity) means the financial resources of the water system, including but not limited to the revenue sufficiency, credit worthiness, and fiscal controls.

The Department is granted the authority in 75-6-103(2)(f), MCA, to ensure financial viability of proposed public water supply systems (and public sewage systems) as necessary to ensure the capability of the system to meet the requirements of Title 75, Chapter 6, Part 1, MCA.

A separate application form with appropriate guidance is available from the Department to assist in providing the following information.

A.2 Managerial Capacity

Provide the following information:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of the owner(s). If ownership is to change in the near future, provide a projected time line for change of ownership.
2. Administrative and management organizational charts define the functions and responsibilities of the organization and each administrative/managerial position. For example, if the organization has a secretary, provide a brief description of the

secretary's responsibilities.

3. Plans for staffing the system with a certified operator and back-up operator. Provide the name of the operator if an operator has been selected. An operator should be available to operate the system even if the system has not yet become public. If the system is to be operated under contracted services, provide a copy of the contract.
4. A system or plan for maintaining records, plans and specifications for construction, as-built drawings, O&M manuals, and compliance information. Preferably, office space should be dedicated for storing all information that is readily accessible by the operator, manager(s), and owner(s) of the system.
5. Copies of the by-laws, articles of incorporation, or similar documents that provide information on meetings, dissemination of information to system users, voting, and other pertinent information regarding the system.

The managerial plan must allow for:

- a. efficient operation of the system.
- b. adequate control of and accountability for the system by the owner(s), manager(s), and operator(s).
- c. adequate resources and accountability for regulatory compliance by the owner(s), manager(s) and operator(s).
- d. dissemination of appropriate information to all customers and the regulatory agencies.

A.3 Technical, Operational, and Maintenance Capacity

Provide the following information in the form of an O&M manual that will be available to the operator, owner(s), and manager(s):

1. An explanation of startup and normal operation procedures. Startup should address operation of the system throughout system build out if applicable (i.e., a subdivision will experience varying demands as the subdivision develops and builds

out).

2. Will any equipment be leased or rented? Are easement or lease agreements necessary for any portion of the system? If applicable, provide pertinent information (i.e., a copy of the easement or lease agreement). Are changes in local zoning necessary to protect the proposed source(s)?
3. Record keeping method and system for reporting to the Department.
4. Sampling and analyses program to demonstrate compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM) for all sources, entry points, treatment, and distribution systems.
5. Staffing and training requirements to operate the system to maintain compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM).
6. Documentation of a safety program.
7. Documentation of an emergency notification system in case of an emergency.
8. Manufacturers' manuals for all equipment and contact names for service. A routine maintenance program and maintenance schedules must also be included. Forms for recording routine maintenance checks per manufacturers' guidelines should be provided, including frequency of maintenance and anticipated replacement dates for major equipment.

Items 1 through 5 must be submitted in the form of an O&M manual prior to approval of the system.

A letter from the applicant must be provided prior to the system being used stating that the system (or portion of the system that has been completed to date) was constructed per the approved plans and specifications. As-builts for the system (or portion of the system that has been completed to date) must be provided within 90 days after the system has become operational. The as-builts must include an O&M manual addressing items 1 through 9 and that contains manufacturers' manuals and other pertinent information to complete the O&M manual.

The system must be operated in a manner to:

- a. maintain compliance with drinking water standards (Title 17, Chapter 38, Sub-Chapter 2, ARM),
- b. allow effective operation of the system in accordance with the approved plans and

specifications,

- c. adequate water, both quantity and quality, and supply
- d. be consistent with operating conditions presented in the engineer's report,

A.4 Financial Capacity

The following financial information must be submitted prior to receiving approval of the system:

1. The financial information in Table A-1 must be completed for a 5-year period.
2. O&M rates and capital improvement/replacement rates must be developed and based on information in Table A-1. Will a reserve fund be established to address future replacement of equipment?
3. Customers should be metered. If customers are metered, demonstrate rates account for metering (cost of meters, cost of operator to read/maintain meters, how rates correspond to meter readings).
4. Connection/system development fee and basis for fee, if applicable.
5. Does the owner(s) or responsible entity have access to financial capital?

The financial plan must demonstrate:

- a. revenues match or exceed expenses, and
- b. the 5-year cash flow presented in Table A-1 is sufficient to properly operate the system,